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Title: Need to consider the Scheduled Tribes as the indigenous original citizens of the country.

PROF. RICHARD HAY (NOMINATED): The Scheduled Tribes constitute a rich, unique and varied element of Indian Tradition. They have their own language, dialect, tradition, customs, myths, ritual practices, deities, arts and performing arts etc.

Many of the tribes are considered as the original inhabitants of the country. It would be appropriate to designate them and address them as the First Citizens of the country. Hence, I urge upon the Government to take steps to name the Tribes as the First Citizen of India.

I also urge upon the Government of India to take measures to preserve the rich tradition, art, culture of the Scheduled Tribes by documenting them. Further, museum and cultural centres be opened to preserve and exhibit the tradition, dialect, myths, rituals, arts, medicines of the Scheduled Tribes in the country and also abroad.